

PoCo discussion: Plans for New RDA Implementation

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Discussion Prompts



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- What factors does PCC need to consider in order to implement the RDA Toolkit?
- What needs to be in place before implementation can move forward? (E.g training, documentation?, Application profiles for MARC?/BF?)
- Minimal implementation scenario for MARC while planning long-term for RDA in BIBFRAME?
- Implementation timeline?
- Should PCC recommend a test period?
- If so:
 - How would the test be conducted?
 - Timeframe? 2-3 months for testing/cataloging via RDA Toolkit by LC and PCC catalogers?
 - What implementation criteria would we be testing for?

Proposal for Discussion (submitted by Ian Bigelow)

RDA:

PCC looks to RDA to provide a solid content standard. At the same time, given the nature of changes involved with 3R, it has become increasingly difficult for PCC to fully embrace the new RDA Toolkit as written at this time. This is a practical consideration, both because it would be difficult to maintain work on BIBFRAME and train on RDA Toolkit simultaneously, and because the practical realization of 3R makes the most sense with the benefit of linked data infrastructure.

Recommendations:

- PCC will remain engaged with RDA, but there will be no expectation for PCC membership to implement the new RDA Toolkit that will be launched on December 15th, 2020 until:
 - PCC has further clarity on RDA implementation scenarios in a BIBFRAME environment, and
 - BIBFRAME and other linked data encoding scenarios have become more established by PCC members.
- PCC institutions will have at least 5 years to implement the new RDA Toolkit, with this timeline subject to change as PCC strategic priorities evolve.